

Remarks

Claims 1, 6-24, 28, 30, 34, 36, 40, 43, 46, 49, 52, 55, 58, 61, 67, 73-76, and 80-114 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 6-24, 28, 30, 34, 36, 40, 43, 46, 49, 52, 55, 58, 61, and 80-110 are allowed.

Claims 84-91 and claims 96-108 are cancelled by this amendment.

Claims 67, 73-76, 110 and 111 stand rejected in the present office action.

Claims 67, 73-76 and 110 are amended herein.

Claim 67 has been amended to provide that the neutral and/or alkaline cellulase is secreted into the medium. Support for this can be found in paragraphs 0030 and 0052.

Claim 73 has been amended to include the process results in a stonewashed denim fabric or denim jeans. Support for this amendment can be found in paragraphs 0112-0147.

Claim 74 has been amended to recite that the process results in a textile which has been polished, bleached dyed, desized or has reduced fibers. 0022, 0039, and 012-0147

Claim 75 has been amended to recite that the process results in paper or pulp which has been deinked or bleached. Support for this amendment can be found in paragraphs 0025, 0040 and 0189.

Claim 76 has been amended to recite that the process results in obtaining a softer fabric. Support for this amendment can be found in paragraphs 0002- 0004, 0009-0010, 0012, 0022, 0036, 0053, 117, 0185 and 0188,

Claim 110 has been amended to recite that the cellulose is hydrolyzed. Support for this amendment can be found in paragraphs 0004-0006, 0039, and 0056 among others.

No new matter is introduced by this amendment.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Applicant thanks the examiner for his time during the telephone interview on August 31, 2010 in which claims 67, 73-76 and 110-111 were discussed.

Claims 67, 73-76, 110 and 111 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 for failure to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention.

As noted above, applicant has inserted additional steps in the methods where by the desired results are achieved.

Pursuant to the discussion on August 31, 2010, applicant believe the present claims to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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